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In re Application of :  
Patrick S. McMonagle et al. :  
Application No. 10/711,550 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
Filed: September 24, 2004 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
Attorney Docket No. 030848-026 :  
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This is in response to the petition filed March 7, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on September 24, 2004, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on October 20, 2004, a "Notice To File Missing Parts of Application" was mailed, requiring *inter alia* a properly executed oath or declaration.

In response, the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), an oath or declaration naming Patrick S. McMonagle, Douglas G. Smith and Richard L. Norman as joint inventors but only executed by inventors McMonagle and Smith, late filing surcharge and a request for a three month extension of time were filed. The petition argues that joint inventor Norman refuses to sign the oath or declaration and thus by his actions, to cooperate with the filing of the instant application.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition bears proof that the application papers were forwarded to and received by Mr. Norman and that to date, he has not returned an executed copy of the oath or declaration.

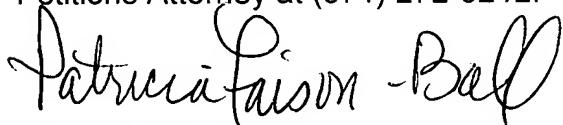
The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). In view thereof, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Thus, as provided in Rule 1.47c, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Please be advised that effective November 22, 2004, the petition fee has been increased to \$200.00. Therein, deposit account no. 13-4365 has been charged in the amount of \$70.00 to make up the difference between that which was paid and that which is due pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(g). See the Notice published in the Federal Register on September 21, 2004 and in the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 12, 2004.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.



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In re Application of  
Patrick S. Mcmonagle  
Application No. 10/711,550  
Filed: September 24, 2004  
For: CENTRALIZED CHECK IMAGE STORAGE SYSTEM

Dear Mr. Norman:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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